

NSU will retire the number of former Demon great and Pro Football Hall of Famer Jackie Smith during Homecoming activities on Saturday, Oct. 28

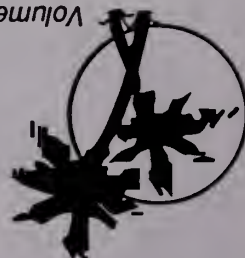
Smith, a 1963 graduate of NSU, was inducted in the Pro Football Hall of Fame last year. He ranks among the greatest tight ends in NFL history after a 15-year career with the St. Louis Cardinals and the Dallas Cowboys from 1963-1978. At the time he retired, he ranked as the all-time leading receiver among tight ends with 480 catches for 7,918 yards and 40 touchdowns. He played in five Pro Bowls and in Super Bowl XIII with the Cowboys.

served as honorary chairman of the Athletic Association Fund Drive, and was Grand Marshal for the 1994 Natchitoches Christmas Festival Parade.

This year's Homecoming Game will be at 2 p.m. against Southwest Texas in Turpin Stadium. NSU Athletic Director Tynes Hildebrand advises out-of-town alumni planning to attend the game to make hotel reservations early. Further details on Homecoming will be included in the Fall edition of the Alumni Columns.

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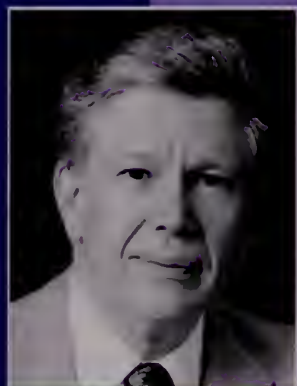
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Dr. Randall J. Webb, President
NORTHWESTERN STATE UNIVERSITY

Let me take this opportunity to thank each of you for the support you have shown to Brenda and me since I was chosen as president. Your letters, phone calls and words of encouragement have meant a great deal to both of us.

Northwestern has always been an institution dear to the hearts of my family members. I am a Northwestern graduate as is my wife and daughter Tamara. My younger daughter Lauren is a current NSU student. Approximately 50 members of my family attended Northwestern.

I sought to become president because I felt that NSU could be an even better place. My predecessor Dr. Robert Alost did a magnificent job, and I know how difficult it will be to follow him. Dr. Alost did a wonderful job of revitalizing Northwestern by attracting bright, capable students to our campus. I want to continue creating the kind of atmosphere that motivated, energetic students want to be a part of.

All of our alumni can play important roles in helping Northwestern improve. Of course, we appreciate it when you are able to assist us financially, but your support goes beyond that. One of the best ways you can help Northwestern is by telling us about prospective students and encouraging them to attend Northwestern.

I'm excited about the fall semester. The fall is always a special time to all of us in higher education because it marks the start of a new academic year when first-time freshmen arrive to start a new phase in their lives and upper-classmen return to continue working toward their degrees. During my tenure as president, I plan to remain focused on the needs of our students. At Northwestern, we want to do all that we can to help our students earn a college degree and carry with them the lessons that they can use after they leave us.

A major part of my job will be traveling throughout the region to meet with as many of you as possible. I look forward to getting acquainted with each of you and sharing experiences about our alma mater.

If I can be of assistance, feel free to contact me at (318) 357-6441 or e-mail me at webb@alpha.nsula.edu. Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you.





Elise P. James
DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI DEVELOPMENT

It's the fall of the year - cotton in the fields, leaves turning their beautiful colors, children dressing for the first day of school with nice new clothes and shoes. I am a September child, and maybe that's why I love the fall so much.

September also brings pep rallies, football games, bobbing for apples and that first frost. All of those things make you think of home and we hope you will want to come home to Northwestern for this year's Homecoming activities. Please check the agenda of events in this issue of the Alumni Columns.

As you know by now, Dr. Bobby Alost retired as president of Northwestern on June 30. Dr. Alost took on a floundering ship in 1986 and turned it around. Enrollment soared to an all-time high of 9,040 in the fall of 1995.

Dr. Randall J. Webb was selected as NSU's new president on April 26. Dr. Webb has deep roots at Northwestern. His wife, Brenda, his two daughters and parents are among the many members of his family who have attended Northwestern over the years. His father was a member of the faculty and staff at Northwestern for more than two decades.

Dr. Webb is ready and willing to take over where Dr. Alost left off and carry this fine institution into the 21st century. He has a great challenge ahead of him, but with your help and support, Dr. Webb can help make NSU even stronger. He has committed to work closely with alumni and attend chapter meetings. We hope to be at an alumni meeting near you in the next few months. I invite each of you to attend and meet Dr. Webb to hear his plans for Northwestern.

Please plan to attend Homecoming on Oct. 18-19. I look forward to seeing each of you there.

As you can see, we have made some changes in the design of the Alumni Columns. These changes will allow us to provide you with a better magazine that will keep you up to date about Northwestern. I know you will like it.

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Questions & Answers

Dr. Randall J. Webb took over as Northwestern's 17th president on July 1. He was named president in a unanimous vote of the Board of Trustees for State Colleges and Universities on June 26.

He discussed his plans for the future of Northwestern in an interview with NSU Assistant Director of Informational Services David West.

Q: What are your priorities as president?

A: From its inception as the State Normal School in 1884, Northwestern has emphasized excellence in teaching and caring attitudes toward students. Promoting a student-oriented environment is central to Northwestern's Mission Statement. We need to nurture and encourage students so that they have the opportunity to develop to their fullest potential. Those of us who have attended Northwestern through the years are appreciative of the academic preparation afforded us through this fine University, but we also recall the faculty, administrators, staff and students who befriended us and encouraged us.

I want the Northwestern community to focus on excellence in every facet of the University's operation, so that we instill in our students an appreciation for adherence to high standards, both in education and in life. We all know the importance of striving for excellence in classroom and laboratory instruction and in academic and student services. It is also important, however, that all units within the University have similar goals. This



emphasizes how vital each and every employee of Northwestern is in carrying out our mission in the most effective way possible. I want a spirit of community and cooperation to exist among all of us who are privileged to be members of the Northwestern family.

I have such an affinity for the people who work for Northwestern; they are hard-working dedicated employees, who, I know will give fully of themselves as we seek to make Northwestern a premier University. I hope to create an environment in which each has the potential to thrive, both personally and professionally. I will encourage each employee to suggest means by which we can build Northwestern into an even better and stronger university that provides exemplary services to its clientele, whether they be students, employees, alumni, or others with whom we interact. I especially want to bond our alumni as close to the University as possible. We want our alumni to be proud of Northwestern and its accomplishments.

Q: What changes do you

plan to make in the University?

A: When I sought the presidency of Northwestern, I did so with one primary goal in mind: To help Northwestern become the finest University it is capable of becoming. To accomplish this, certain changes will be necessary. I will encourage the pursuit of several initiatives, including strategic planning and assessment activities directed toward continuous improvement, effective two-way communication systems, an emphasis

on academics and faculty input, delegation of increased responsibility and accountability to heads of departments and budget units, increased use of technology in both instructional and service areas, assigning a priority to raising funds from individuals and corporations, and outreach efforts directed toward business, industry, and the communities served by Northwestern.

Q: Is the job of president different than you imagined?

A: It is difficult to provide a completely informed answer to this question since I have been in the position for only a brief period of time. That is, I have not completed a cycle of one year's service, which means there are events and responsibilities that I have not yet experienced. I do feel, however, that my years of experience in higher education administration and teaching have prepared me well to serve as president. Also, I have worked closely with college and university presidents through the years. My perception at this



point is that the job of president is much as I expected.

Q: Former President Dr. Robert Alost often said Northwestern was a University "Where Students Come First." You have a reputation as a very student-oriented person. How will you maintain contact with students and stay aware of their needs and problems?

A: I am honored that people consider me to be a student-oriented person. When I speak to parents of prospective students, I tell them that we at Northwestern will strive to treat their sons and daughters the same way we would want our own sons and daughters to be treated. This does not mean, of course, that we will grant any request made by a student. It does mean that we should seek to understand the student's point of view, consider it in light of applicable policies and practices, and make a thoughtful, informed decision in the matter.

This question is a cogent one. As my wife Brenda and I contemplated my seeking the presidency of Northwestern, my main concern was that serving as president would not remove me too far from students. I need to spend some time out on campus, visiting with faculty, staff, and students, primarily for the purpose of demonstrating that I am interested enough in them to listen to what they have to say. I will make myself available to the president of the Student Government Association, just as I will to the president of the Faculty Senate. I need to know what students are thinking, what their concerns are, and how we might best meet their needs. Also, I will continue to remind adminis-

A NSU graduate, Webb earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics and business education in 1965. He earned a master of science in mathematics from NSU in 1966. Webb received a doctorate in education from the University of Southern Mississippi in 1971 with a concentration in mathematics and research.

Webb has been dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies and a professor of mathematics at Northwestern since 1989. Under Webb's leadership, graduate enrollment has increased by 35 percent and internal funding for faculty research has increased by 200 percent.

As dean, Webb proposed the concept for NSU's successful Freshman Connection Program. He also served as a member of the writing team for a grant proposal that resulted in a five-year \$1.7 million Title III grant to improve student retention.

Webb chaired the Steering Committee for Northwestern's Self-Study for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and was in charge of the Academic Integrity Subcommittee for Northwestern's NCAA Certification Self-Study.

Before returning to NSU, Webb was an administrator and faculty member at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond for 13 years. From 1983 until 1989, he was registrar and a part-time faculty member in mathematics. Webb was director of institutional research and EEO officer from 1976 until 1983.

From 1974 until 1976, Webb was director of Higher Education and Teacher Certification with the Louisiana Department of Education. Webb was a member of the faculty at Longwood College in Farmville, Va. from 1966 until 1974. He was granted tenure in 1972 and was selected to be included in the 1973 edition of "Outstanding Educators of America."

trators, faculty, and staff of the importance of being empathetic toward and supportive of students.

Q: The State Board of Regents is currently considering elimination of academic programs that a team of consultants considers duplicative. What is the University doing to defend those programs?

A: Northwestern has been proactive in addressing the matter of duplicative programs. We have made presentations at the public hearings scheduled around the state. In doing so, we have responded to the recommendations made by out-of-state consultants and have provided data and letters of support that, we feel, indicate the need to retain programs. We have demonstrated that, through the years, proportionately more programs have been eliminated at Northwestern than at any other public four-year university in Louisiana. We contend that, except in a couple of instances in which we concur with the consultants, Northwestern should retain all of its programs that have been defined by the Board of Regents as duplicative.

Q: Do you anticipate developing any new academic programs?

A: We plan to propose to the Board of Trustees and Board of Regents that Northwestern be approved to offer a bachelor's degree in criminal justice in the Alexandria area. This program, for which both boards have previously approved our letter of intent, would complement a two-year associate's degree in crimi-

nal justice already offered by LSU-Alexandria.

Northwestern must be responsive to the needs of students in its primary service area. In considering potential new academic programs, we will consider needs analyses in relation to the availability of faculty and other resources as well as the overall feasibility of programs.

Q: Northwestern has undergone tremendous enrollment growth over the past 10 years. Do you expect that trend to continue?

A: I believe people around the state recognize Northwestern as a very special University that emphasizes quality in its academic programs and services. Parents and prospective students realize that Northwestern is a friendly, student-oriented University, where people truly care about the welfare of students. Consequently, I feel Northwestern will continue to be the University of choice for a significant number of new students each year.

Q: What role can NSU's alumni play in helping improve the University?

A: There are so many ways our alumni can aid our cherished alma mater, such as being active participants in their respective alumni chapters, making financial contributions, encouraging high school students to attend Northwestern, and spreading positive information about the University to anyone who will listen. If our alumni are solidly behind Northwestern, we can accomplish great things working together.

As we continue our quest for excellence at Northwestern, the quality of our programs and services will improve, and the image of the University will become increasingly more prominent and positive. Our goal, of course, will be to add value to the degrees of our currently enrolled students who are pursuing them. We hope, also, through these efforts to add value to the degrees of our alumni.

Q: You are a big fan of the intercollegiate athletics program, regularly attending games in all sports. Can you explain the role of intercollegiate athletics at NSU?

A: The role of intercollegiate athletics at Northwestern is a prominent one. Many alumni and friends tend to identify with a university through its athletics program because it is so visible. When an athletic program is successful and operated within applicable rules and regulations, it is a source of pride to the fans. The athletic program has the potential to generate a high level of school spirit that spills over into other areas of the University. It is for these and other reasons that I support the intercollegiate athletic program at Northwestern and want it to be successful.

When I speak of participants in athletics, I refer to them as student-athletes, because they should be students first and athletes second. They are young men and women who have been blessed with natural talents and abilities that enable them to excel in competition that is physically, mentally, and emotionally demanding. Many of them are rewarded with full or partial athletic scholarships that grant them the opportunity to

pursue a college education at a reduced cost. They can be role models for other students by striving to perform well academically as many of them do, while dealing with the demands of athletic participation.

We've all heard it said that athletic practice and competition build character, and I believe that. Successful participation in athletics requires a high level of self-motivation and self-discipline. It also requires the student-athlete to have faith not only in his or her abilities but in those of teammates. Being a part of a team bent on success can be a marvelous learning experience, whether it be in athletics, business, or the classroom. Each of us benefits from contributing to an effort that extends beyond the individual.

Finally, athletics has much to teach us about life. The goal of participating in athletic competition is to win. When we do, the experience can be exhilarating as is the case with many of our experiences in life. On the other hand, losing is almost always disappointing to the participants. However, if the players give it their best and execute well while losing to a superior opponent, there is room for some satisfaction on both sides. Sometimes we give the best we can offer and are still unsuccessful in some endeavors. This need not be a source of continuing disappointment to us. Although we may have no control over some things that happen to us, we do have control over our reactions to them. Whether we win or lose, the manner in which we deal with the outcome speaks volumes about us as people.



NSU Athletic Director Retires

The faculty, staff, alumni and friends of Northwestern State University have lost one of Northwestern's cornerstones in the area of athletics.

Athletic Director Tynes Hildebrand retired on June 30, leaving behind numerous accomplishments in his 44-year affiliation with the University.

In a letter to Northwestern State University President Randall Webb, Hildebrand reflected on the several years Northwestern played an important role in his life. The letter said:

"My 44-year relationship with this great University is a source of tremendous pride and appreciation for my family and me.

I arrived at Northwestern as a student athlete in 1950 with much hope and many dreams. Looking back over the past five decades. I can honestly say that many of these goals have been exceeded.

Northwestern State is a haven for great people, and I've been extremely fortunate to learn and work with some of the best. Dr. John Kyser, the first president for whom I worked as basketball coach, was a tremendous educator. Jack Clayton was the athletic director who hired me, and I will always remember his sense of fairness while treasuring his friendship.

Legislators such as Rep. Jimmy Long and Sen. Don Kelly have spent a great deal of their



time helping Northwestern obtain funding, steps which have allowed us to improve our athletic facilities.

During my 14 1/2 year tenure as athletic director, we developed an outstanding internship program. These young men and women wore many hats during their stay, and I am proud that they now hold key positions in athletic departments throughout the country.

Our teams have competed successfully in the Southland Conference despite having the league's smallest budget. This is a tribute to our coaches, who are to be commended for their teaching techniques that allow them to consistently get the most out of their talent.

The athletic department undertook a serious approach to fund raising in the early 1980s, and our success in this area has allowed us to continue to field competitive teams. Natchitoches has supported this University more than the population of any other conference school. Our graduates have donated funds and offered their support, two attributes which have figured greatly in our success.

During my 15-year basketball coaching career, I spent many hours with some of the finest young men this University has ever produced. My respect and love for all of them has grown

through the years.

My wife and two sons graduated from Northwestern, so the university has indeed been like a family to me. I will forever be grateful for what this institution has meant to me, and am forever thankful for the opportunities it has allowed me to enjoy. God bless to all and...GO DEMONS!"

Webb's respect and admiration for Hildebrand is obvious; he proudly acknowledges following Hildebrand and his many accomplishments as a fellow Northwestern alumnus and University administrator over a majority of Hildebrand's tenure at Northwestern.

"Tynes and Julia Hildebrand rank among the finest people it has been my pleasure to know," Webb said. "I not only count Tynes as a dear friend, I consider him to be a top-notch administrator. Under his capable leadership, Northwestern's intercollegiate athletic program has grown and prospered. This is a tribute to Tynes' love for Northwestern as well as his leadership skills."

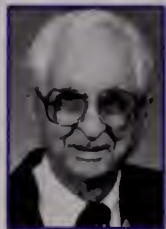
Hildebrand leaves behind a host of supporters who wish him well but also want him to remain close to Northwestern during his retirement.

"I asked Coach Hildebrand to consider remaining as athletic director for a few months until we were able to select a replacement; however, I respect his decision to retire at this time and leave the interim responsibilities to someone else," Webb said. "I wish him and his family the best in the future. I encourage Tynes to offer his wise counsel to me and continue his strong support of Northwestern and its intercollegiate athletic program."



Three Alumni to be Inducted into Hall of Distinction

The NSU Hall of Distinction, the Long Purple Line, has added three members with the induction of Dr. Edward C. Greco, Bobby Harling and Theodore H. Roberts. They will be formally inducted as part of homecoming activities Oct. 18-19.



Greco, a noted research scientist from Shreveport, is a 1934 graduate of Northwestern. He was a member of Northwestern's faculty for six

years and worked for corporations including Dupont, United Gas Corp. and F.W. Corrosion Control Inc.

In 1962, he was appointed by the National Science Foundation and the National Association of Corrosion Engineers as head of a team of six American corrosion engineers on a reciprocal exchange visit to the Soviet Union. He was selected the next year by the State Department and the NSF to serve as chaperon for six Soviet corrosion scientists who visited research laboratories in the United States.

In his field, Greco served as chairman of the International Corrosion Council which he helped form. This includes 1,100 members in 47 countries. The Council honored Greco with the Edward Greco Award which is presented to an outstanding corrosion scientist. Greco also served as president of the International Congress on Metallic Corrosion.

Greco also served as president of the Louisiana Academy of Science. He was responsible for organizing the Louisiana State Science Fairs and was state science fair director for 10 years. The Shreveport Chamber of Commerce presented Greco with the Meritorious Civic Service Award for his contributions to technical

and vocational education in Shreveport. He also received a doctor of science degree from Centenary College for his contributions to science and science education.

Harling, a 1973 graduate of NSU, is a successful playwright and motion picture screenwriter. He is the author of "Steel Magnolias" and was instrumental in seeing that the film version was shot in Natchitoches. The film version brought stars including Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley



MacLaine, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis, Julia Roberts, Tom Skerritt and Sam Shepard to Natchitoches, showing the beauty of the city and leading to a local boom in tourism.

After earning his degree at NSU, Harling attended Tulane Law School where he earned money singing in a big band called "Jubilation" and acting in local theatre. He earned his law degree and headed for New York where he worked in regional theatre and found success as a commercial voice-over actor on television selling everything from chili to chicken.

When Harling's sister Susan died of complications from diabetes in 1985, her life inspired him to turn his grieving into a creative storm as the story of "Steel Magnolias." He wrote the play in just 10 days drawing on actual family experiences. The play was an instant success off-Broadway and led to the film version.

Harling was also the screenwriter for "Soapdish" and was an uncredited screenwriter for "Sister Act I" and "Sister Act II." His current projects include "First Wives Club" which will be released in the fall. Harling also was the director and screenwriter for "Evening Star" which will be released

around Christmas.

Another recent accomplishment away from the entertainment business is the restoration of Oaklawn Plantation near Natchitoches which will be his home.

Roberts, who was reared in Zwolle, is a 1949 graduate of Northwestern. Last year, he retired as president of LaSalle National Corporation, a \$17 billion multibank holding company in Chicago and chairman of LaSalle Bank, an \$11 billion federal savings bank.



He was also chief financial officer and executive management committee member of ABN AMRO North America,

the \$70 billion U.S. banking affiliate of a Dutch based international banking organization.

He was chairman and chief executive officer of Talman Home Federal Savings and Loan Association from 1985 until its acquisition by ABN AMRO in 1992. Roberts assumed the position at the request of the federal government when the thrift industry was in crisis. He restored Talman to sound condition and was able to convert it into a publicly owned stock company.

From 1982 until 1985, Roberts was president and chief executive officer of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. During that time, he was also a member of the Federal Open Market Committee which manages the nation's monetary policy. He began his banking career with Harris Trust and Savings Bank in 1953 where he was executive vice-president, secretary and treasurer when he left to accept the presidency of the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis.

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Although she only spent her senior year of college at Northwestern in the late 1970's, **Dawn Heyl** recalls it fondly. "It was a wild year for me," Heyl said. "I had class from eight in the morning until nine that night. My husband got me one of the demonstrator vans from the car lot he owned, so that I could sit in the parking lot of the library and study or watch television.

"Looking back I would have enjoyed spending all of my years in college at a local university like Northwestern," Heyl added. "There is more of a bonding and closeness that occurs at smaller schools."

Aside from three years at LSU, a year in Colorado and a year in Holland, Heyl has lived in her hometown of Coushatta. "This is home and I think home is great," Heyl stated. "I love raising my boys in a place like this, where it's safe. If it gets a little boring, all you have to do is jump in the car or catch a plane and do whatever you want."

Upon graduating from Northwestern with a fashion merchandising degree, Heyl went to work in the dress business. "My mother had a boutique which I bought from her," Heyl said. "Fashion wasn't exactly happening in Coushatta, so I started trying to think of something that I could do that was either a consumable product or something that I could ship out and didn't have to depend on my local area."

Lighting her search, Heyl soon found her way into the candle manufacturing business. "I've always been interested in scent, flowers and herbs," Heyl stated. "I saw lines of candles and I wasn't satisfied with them. I wanted it to burn long and smell very strong. After six months, I had developed the recipe that I liked.

"Developing a good candle takes a lot of chemistry," Heyl added. "I experimented a lot through trial and error. I also worked with wax people who had more information about it than I did, but I came up with the recipe and gave it to them."



Heyl then started selling candles at weekend craft shows and it grew into a little business called Notion Nanny. At that time, she was operating out of her home. "I had to move the business because pretty soon everything we ate and wore smelled like candles" Heyl said. "I moved into a portable building. Then I started doing the major markets in the south like Dallas, New Orleans, and Atlanta.

"I had road representatives and we moved the business into the old skating rink behind the Chevrolet business," Heyl added. I had 15 employees at that time in a seven thousand square foot building."

Then tragedy struck and Heyl's business burned. Starting over, she now has four employees and does most of her selling through magazine advertisements. "The second time around was easier in that I knew not to make the same mistakes twice and I could restructure my business to fit my needs," Heyl stated. "The first time around my business overtook me with that many employees. I now realize you can do anything that you set your mind to."

Today, she ships votive candles in over 90 scents all over the country. She also has soap, bath gel, lotion, bath salt and sachet envelopes available.

Heyl also learned sign language at the Betty and Leonard Phillips Deaf Action Center so she could communicate with employee Will Hicks. The two teamed up to give sign language presentations at local schools.

In addition to the candle business, Heyl is also the president of the 68-member Red River

Parish/Coushatta Chamber of Commerce. Excited about the position, Heyl has big plans for Coushatta and Red River Parish. "We are in the growing process and the next two years are going to be critical for Coushatta," Heyl said. "We've been a sleepy, little town for ages and we haven't had a whole lot of hope of industry coming in to our town.

"However, we plan to turn all that around," Heyl added. "Now we have the Grand Bayou Reservoir and the Red River. So this has given us the hope that we need."

“Looking back I would have enjoyed spending all of my years in college at a local university like Northwestern.”

According to Heyl, Coushatta is working to put its best face forward. "We are doing a lot of painting and renovating down town which is a slow process," Heyl stated. "We are also starting a new area over by the river."

Heyl is also excited about the prospect of tourism and retirement industries. With the opportunities that Grand Bayou Reservoir and Red River will provide, travelers in search of fishing and water-related activities will have to look no further. The future holds white sandy beaches for swimming and boating and two-bedroom chalets to rent.

With her business and all that she's doing for the community, Heyl still finds time to raise a family. Her husband, Thomas, sold his dealership and is now a salesman. They have two children: Thom, 15 and Josh, 12. The Heyl's ski in the winter, go to the beach in the summer, spend the weekends at their Black Lake camp and attend church at the Abundant Life Center-United Pentecostal Church.

It appears that time is of the essence for Heyl. However, she manages to take care of business and spend quality time with her family. "It's not really that hard because everyone knows that six o'clock is dinnertime and we all try to be there," Heyl said. Sometimes other things are going on, but we make time for the family. That is important to us."



'35 Ruth Williamson Welch is a retired public school teacher. She lives in Paris, Texas.

'37 Walter Turner is a retired elementary principal. He and his wife live in Winnfield, Louisiana.

'40 Jimmie Straughan Dean was a member of Pi Omega Pi. She is married and lives in Colfax, Louisiana. They have seven children.

'42 Hazel LeBlanc Haby is a retired public relations director. She is living in Houston, Texas. She has two sons.

'47 Valerie Bendix Black is a retired elementary teacher from the school district of Greenfield, Wisconsin. She and her husband live in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas. They have three children.

'49 Therrell Hassell is retired and lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He was a state counseling supervisor and management analyst. He has two children and three grandchildren.

'51 Ben Hunter is married and has one child. He is Chairman of the Board & CEO at the Coca-Cola

Bottling Co. of Minden, Inc. He lives in Minden, Louisiana.

'54 Vincent Hotho is a physician. He is married and lives in Bogalusa, Louisiana. They have two children.

'54 John S. Brewton is the owner of an insurance agency. The business is called B&B Group Marketing, Inc. He is married to Jackie Lucia Brewton (Class of '55) and lives in Dallas, Texas. They have two children.

'57 William G. Morgan is a professor/departement head of Special Education at Southeastern Louisiana University in Hammond, Louisiana. He is married and has two children.

'57 Circe T. Gamble is married to Wanda Williams Gamble (Class of '54). They have five children and twelve grandchildren. He is retired and lives in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'58 Paula Walden Burnitt was director of Home Health at DeSoto General Hospital in Mansfield, Louisiana. She is retired and she and her husband live in Converse, Louisiana. They have three sons.

'58 Jean McGlothlin Doerge is married to Everett G. Doerge (Class of '58). They live in Minden, Louisiana and they have one child.

'59 Glynn M. Phillips is an executive vice president of Del Monte Foods in San Francisco, California. He is married and lives in Sausalito, California. They have three children.

'59 Glynn Harris, award-winning writer and radio broadcaster, has released his first book, "Talkin' Outdoors," a soft-bound collection of outdoor essays. He and his wife live in Ruston, Louisiana. They have three daughters and six grandchildren.

'61 James Brumley, Sr. is married and has two children. He is Juvenile Court probation officer for Caddo Parish in Shreveport, Louisiana.

'62 Mary Kilpatrick Freeman lives in West Monroe, Louisiana. She is a RN at EA Conway Medical Center in Monroe. She has three children.

'63 Paul E. Bush is an administrative aide/middle school teacher. He and his wife live in Vacherie, Louisiana. They have one child.

'63 Patty Proffit Lillis is employed at the Medical College of Georgia School of Nursing where she is chair of the Department of Adult Nursing. She is living in Augusta, Georgia.

'64 John R. Daigle is a retired principal from Beau Chene High School in Arnaudville, Louisiana. He and his wife live in Sunset, Louisiana. They have two children.

'64 Raymond E. Sanders retired from teaching in Lake Charles, Louisiana. He is currently coordinator of instructional technology with Edgewood Independent School District in San Antonio, Texas. He is married to Leticia Pilola Sanders (attended NSU) and they have five children.

'64 Lucy Joiner Hearn is married to Edward W. Hearn (Class of '64) and they have three children. She is a sixth grade math teacher at Youree Middle School in Shreveport, Louisiana.

'64 Edward W. Hearn is married to Lucy Joiner Hearn (Class of '64) and they live in Shreveport, Louisiana. They have three children. He is a director of secondary education in Caddo Parish.

'64 Dorothy Borland Lary is married to Jerry T. Lary (Class of '63) and they live in Deville, Louisiana. They have three children. She is an assistant professor at Louisiana College in Pineville, Louisiana.

'65 Johnnie Ross McKinney is married and has three children. She is a music teacher at Richardson Independent School District in Dallas. She and her husband live in Garland, Texas.

'65 Maxwell J. Desselle is a teacher at Plaquemine Elementary School. He recently received his masters degree in administration and supervision. He and his wife live in Moreauville, Louisiana. They have three children.

'66 Glennie Dowden Scarborough retired from NSU Elementary Lab School. She was a librarian/supervising teacher. She and her husband live in Natchez, Louisiana. They have two children.

'67 Rebecca McKillips DiCarlo is married and has one child. She is an assistant professor at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana.

'67 Charmian Reichenbach Easter is an instructor at Milwaukee Public Schools (Lady Pitts School) in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

'67 Olivia McNeely Pass has two children. She is an associate professor of English at LSU in Eunice. She lives in Ville Platte, Louisiana.

'68 Frank M. Dordan is retired from Amoco Corporation. He and his wife live in Flint, Texas. They have four children.

'68 Elizabeth Byram Whitehead has two children. She is living in Shreveport, Louisiana. She is a retired teacher from Byrd High School.

'69 Patricia Jarnagin Harrison is married to George B. Harrison (Class of '62) and they have three children. She is a broadcast executive at Harrison Broadcast Organization, Inc. in Winnfield, Louisiana.

'70 Vaughan Stagg Ph.D. is a clinical administrator and assistant professor at the Department of Psychiatry/WPIC, School of Medicine at the University of Pittsburgh.

'70 Harvey M. Birdwell is married and has two children. He is the director of the Louisiana Technical Resource Center in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'70 Thomas D. Johnson is employed at G.S. Roofing Products, Inc. where he is the Sr. Territory Manager. He is married to Norma Oliver Johnson (Class of '71). They have three children and are living in Shreveport, Louisiana.

'71 Carol Rachal O'Quinn is Project Independence supervisor at the Natchitoches Office of Family Support. She and her husband live in Robeline, Louisiana. They have two children and five grandchildren.

'71 Leslie P. Tassin, Sr. is married and has one child. He is field coordinator in the Office of Rural Development in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.



For Jane Smith, the thought of going to college anywhere but Northwestern was inconceivable. "I never even considered any other college or university," said Smith, who is now the Bossier Parish Superintendent of Schools. "It was a great family atmosphere; everybody got to know everybody else. Even though it was large, everybody fit in and had a place."

Majoring in health and physical education and minoring in English, Smith recalls how challenging the programs was. "The health and physical education department was something else when I was at Northwestern," Smith stated. "(Former NSU President) Dr. (Robert) Alost was head of the department at that time and it was a very tough program. It was unreal. I remember all my teachers were outstanding in my mind."

Physical education seemed to be an odd career choice especially for a young woman during that time. "I loved activity and I had been involved in dance in high school," Smith said. "So I had a real desire to learn and understand the physiology of exercise and that sort of thing. But I also loved English and literature. So I combined my two interests."

Smith thought teaching would be the most logical avenue to be involved with both her interests. "I thought teaching was just the most wonderful thing in the world. When I was young, I'd gather all my friends together and I would teach them. My favorite thing to do was play school and I was usually in charge."

In 1970, Smith graduated. She took a position at Natchitoches High School and worked on her master's at Northwestern. "Dr. Alost came to Northwestern Junior High when I was doing my student teaching and asked me if I wanted a job," Smith stated. "Because I was graduating in January, I said yes. He told me about an opening at Natchitoches High School."

"So I got the job and then became department head," Smith added. "We had a great physical education program and were able to use the college facilities."

Smith then moved to Bossier and began teaching English. Shortly thereafter, she took a position at Haughton High School also teaching English, but also, choreographing the Haughton Highsteppers which is a National Award Winning Dance Team.

After being there for three years, Smith applied for the assistant principal's position. "At that time Billy Montgomery was the principal," Smith said. "He was confident that I could be an assistant principal in charge of discipline. Most people think that a woman can't be a disciplinarian in the schools, especially a short, petite woman."

"So we just proved them wrong," Smith added.

When Montgomery was elected to the state legislature, Smith became principal of Haughton High. "I never thought I'd be a principal specifically because when I was growing

up I wasn't exposed to any women principals," Smith stated. "But I liked the idea. When I went to college and began teaching, I realized that it could be a possibility for women to be able to have that opportunity and I thought that I could be one of those women."

"I felt that I had the leadership skills and motivating qualities to be a strong principal if I was given the chance," Smith added. "You teach the way you are taught and I was blessed with some really good educators at Northwestern. They allowed me to become a good strong leader and develop

the skills that were necessary to get me where I am today." Smith spent seven "wonderful" years as principal enjoying the people she worked with and the kids she educated. Then, Smith decided to climb a rung high in the ladder of education when she applied for and got the position of Superintendent of Schools for Bossier Parish. "I didn't think I had a chance in heck of getting it," Smith said. "They've never had a woman superintendent and they've never had someone come straight from the

"You teach the way you are taught and I was blessed with some really good educators at

principal-ship to the position. Of course, I thought that was a plus because I had been involved with what has been going on in education for the last 20 years.

"I had been in the class room and a principal in recent times, so I felt like that was going to be a real plus for me," Smith added.

Only a year and several months into her new position, Smith is enjoying it and confident with the direction that the school system is taking. "It has been a wonderful, fast, whirlwind kind of a year and in that time, we've done a lot," Smith stated. "We passed a bond issue for the largest teacher pay raise in the history of the school system. This will also cover a large amount of capital outlay to build new schools. The parish is growing."

When she first came on board, Smith visited every school in the parish and met with every faculty body to listen to their concerns and wishes. "This is how we determined what direction we wanted to take our parish's school system," Smith said. "I try to be visible and available to all the employees. I want them to feel that there is an open-door policy and they can talk to me about anything."

"They know that we're listening to them and trying to do everything that we can," Smith added. "We have a great school system and we are just wanting to improve it even more."

During her successful climb up the education system, Smith has had the love and support of her husband, Scott, and daughter Hillary. Scott is currently the principal at Benton Middle/Senior High School. Hillary just graduated from TCU in environmental science.

Hillary also graduated from Haughton High during the time Smith was principal. "I think it was a little hard on her having her mother as a principal," Smith stated, "but we talked about it. We were real close and she never caused me a minutes problem. Some positives came out of the situation as well. We got to enjoy things together."

"Instead of me being away from her all the time, we were able to be together more than most parents are with their children," Smith added. "In a job that is all consuming, I was able to share a lot more with her."

Although she's broken new ground leading the way for many women, Smith does not consider herself a feminist. "I don't think that I should be

hired for a position because I'm a woman," Smith said. "You get a job and keep it because of your ability to work well with people, I'm a strong believer in that. Everybody in this profession has great skills, but the ability to get along well with others is what is important at this level."

"Now as superintendent this necessity goes beyond employer/employee. I must work with 12 board members who are my bosses, but I also work with the chamber of commerce, economic developers, the sheriff's department, not to mention the parents, teachers and kids," Smith added. "All of those people have a great interest in the schools. It's crucial how well we all communicate and work together."



'71 Norma Oliver Johnson is assistant professor at LSUMC, School of Allied Health Professions in Shreveport, Louisiana. She is married to Thomas D. Johnson (Class of '70) and they have three children.

'71 Joan Tallent Hinsley is a surgical RN at Little Rock VA Hospital. She is living in Jacksonville, Arkansas.

'72 Michael K. Ramsey is a professor of clinical laboratory science at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, Louisiana. He and his wife live in Ruston. They have one child.

'72 Grover R. Thornhill is an elementary teacher at Sixth Ward Junior High in Pearl River, Louisiana. He is married and living in Covington. They have three children.

'73 Gloria Page Trask is a graphics (computer) specialist with Towers Perrin in Dallas. She and her husband live in Rowlett, Texas. They have one child.

'73 Randy Prather is president of the Acadiana Region of Premier Bank. He and his wife have four children and live in Lafayette, Louisiana.

'74 Jane Valentine Collins is the owner of Blackie Collins Knives in North, South Carolina where she and her husband live.

'76 Steve Mathies was named Professional Conservationist of the Year for 1995 in the 32nd annual Governor's Conservation Achievement Recognition Program conducted by the Louisiana Wildlife Federation. He received his Mas-

ter of Sciences in 1978 from NSU. He lives in New Orleans with his wife and two children.

'76 Vikki Young Hale is married and has two children. She lives in The Woodlands, Texas.

'76 William A. Poe is married to Susan Taylor Poe (Class of '78). They have two children and live in Monroe, Louisiana. He is a physician at Anesthesia Associates of Monroe.

'76 Richard G. Martin is an office coordinator for Alumax. He is married to Catherine Stacey Martin (Class of '75). They have one child and live in Magnolia, Arkansas.

'77 Carol Pace George is married, has two children and lives in Benton, Louisiana. She is the comptroller at Woodard Health Services in Shreveport, Louisiana.

'77 Kim W. Gaspard is an assistant principal at Elm Grove Middle School in Bossier City, Louisiana. He is married to Mary Lanzillotti Gaspard (Class of '76) and they have two children. They live in Haughton.

'77 Marsha Schoth Malmay is employed as a LPC intern at Gulf Pines Hospital in Houston, Texas. She has three children.

'77 Luther R. Duett is married and has one child. They live in Webster, Texas. He is contracts administrator at ARCO Pipe Line Company in Houston.

'77 Deborah Hall Miller and her husband are living in Haughton, Louisiana. She is director of nursing at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport.

'77 Margaret Smith Eschete is a neonatal nurse practitioner. She and her husband are living in Houma, Louisiana. They have three children.

'78 Thomas J. Phillips is married and has two children. They live in Many, Louisiana. He is a chief engineer at L&M Botruc in Golden Meadow.

'78 Dianne J. Hamilton is a communications assistant at American Red Cross in Atlanta. She lives in Norcross, Georgia.

'78 Martha E. Usrey has three children. She is a case manager RN at Blue Cross in Little Rock, Arkansas.

'78 Brenda Hesser Kulp is a staff nurse at Charter Forest Hospital in Shreveport, Louisiana. She has three children.

'79 Cindy Brown Taitano is an office manager at Alcoa Industrial Chemicals in Houston, Texas. She is married and has three children.

'79 Helen Hubley Powell was a member of Alpha Lambda Delta, Sigma Delta Chi and on the 1978 Homecoming Court. She is married and has two children. They live in Saudi Arabia.

'80 Allen N. Barker is the manager at Southwest Supermarkets in Phoenix, Arizona. He has two children.

'80 Ted E. Duggan II is general manager at Cap Snap Company in San Jose, California. He and his wife have six children.

'80 Melinda McDonald Hebert is a court reporter with the Orleans Parish Criminal District Court. She and her husband live in Slidell, Louisiana. They have two children.

'80 Elizabeth VanHoove Basden is married and has three children. She is employed with the El Camino Girl Scout Council in San Angelo, Texas.

'83 Richard M. Blakeway is a rehabilitation employment development specialist at Louisiana Rehabilitation Services in Leesville. He and his wife have three children and live in Anacoco, Louisiana.

'83 Albert J. Welch is an associate at AFLAC Insurance in Jackson, Mississippi. He is married and has one daughter. They are living in Pearl, Mississippi.

'83 Kevin W. Lewis is an internal auditor at Sabine State Bank & Trust Company. He and his wife live in Marthville, Louisiana and have two children.

'84 Carl C. Soileau is a sales engineer at Gulf Coast Carbide in Baton Rouge. He and his wife live in Prairieville, Louisiana.

'84 Nancy Wells Seal is a staff nurse at Shreveport Surgery Center. She has two children and lives in Bossier City, Louisiana.

'85 Virginia Benninghoff Norris is an instructor/horse trainer for Norris Training Center in Farmersville, Texas. She and her husband are living in Farmersville.

'85 Lynette Silvestri received the 1996 Ferguson Faculty Award for Teaching Excellence from the College of Education at the University of New Orleans. This past summer she was invited to the East-West Center in Honolulu to study the Asian culture. She lives in Metairie, Louisiana with her husband and son.

'85 Frances Haynes Hall is married and has one child. They are living in Shreveport, Louisiana. She was a member of Tri Sigma Sorority and was involved with the Student Government Association.

'85 Belinda Robertson Morgan is married and has two children. They are living in Tallulah, Louisiana. She is an assistant professor of nursing at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe.

'85 Patricia Nolley Sukhai is a production engineer at Hulls America in Theodore, Alabama. She is currently working on her MBA at University of South Alabama. She has one daughter and lives in Mobile.

'87 Craig Scott is a priest/associate pastor at Our Lady of Prompt Succor Catholic Church in Alexandria, Louisiana.

'87 John G. Bailey is married and has two children. They live in Honolulu, Hawaii. He is a systems automation officer with the United States Army stationed at Fort Shafter, Hawaii.

'87 Doris Mardele Phelps is Jefferson Davis Parish bureau chief for the Lake Charles American Press. Her husband is a photographer for the LCAP. They live in Jennings, Louisiana.

'88 Bonnie Gilcrease Bucklew is a special education teacher at Winnfield Primary School. She and her husband have two children and are living in Winnfield, Louisiana.

'89 Donald W. Crook is married to Pamela Allen Crook (Class of '89) and they have one child. He is the loss prevention officer for the Office of Risk Management in Shreveport, Louisiana. His wife, Pamela, is a teacher with Caddo Schools.

'89 Elizabeth N. Goss is an eighth grade English teacher at Many Junior High. She is living in Many, Louisiana.

'90 Laura Wilks Williams is a visiting assistant professor of marketing at the A.B. Freeman School of Business, Tulane University in New Orleans. She and her husband live in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

'90 Andrea P. Madison is an administrative assistant at Tulane University School of Medicine. She is living in New Orleans, Louisiana.

'90 Dr. Amy E. Sukman is a veterinarian in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. She was a current sauce photographer and a member of Beta Beta Beta Honor Society at NSU.

'90 Deborah King Sims is co-owner of Atlanta Paralegal & Taxes. She is married and they live in Decatur, Georgia.

'90 Bret A. Hughes is an information analyst at Central & South West Services. He is married to Elizabeth Ridgway Hughes (Class of '91) and they are living in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

'90 Randall T. Ryder is a Nuclear Medicine Technologist at Willis Knighton Medical Health System in Shreveport. He is married to Amanda L. Ryder (Class of '96) and they live in Mansfield, Louisiana.

'90 Melinda K. Johnson was involved with KNWD staff and worked with the Sam Goodwin Show at NSU. She is now an anchor/reporter at KPLC-TV (NBC affiliate) in Lake Charles, Louisiana.

'90 Scottie T. Prealow is a supply officer with the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood, Texas. He is living in Killeen, Texas. He is married and has one child.

'91 Kim Bowen Covington is an exercise director at the Greenhouse Spa and Resort. She was a member of the Kappa Alpha-Rose. She is married and lives in Arlington, Texas.

'91 Amy E. Gill is the membership specialist of Kenai Peninsula Girl Scouts. She is living in Kenai, Alaska.

'92 Alison Bexley Pryor is a law clerk/attorney for the 32nd Judicial District Court in Houma, Louisiana. She and her husband are living in Houma.

'92 Judith Wedgeworth Rials is a fourth grade teacher at Zwolle Elementary School. She, her husband and three children are living in Zwolle, Louisiana.

'92 Kimberly A. McKinney is a human resource representative/employment coordinator for Hospitality Enterprises in New Orleans. She lives in Norco, Louisiana.

'92 Mary Blanchard Wallace is married to Steven S. Wallace (Class of '94) and they have one child. They live in Monticello, Arkansas. She is a counselor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.

'92 Rachel Touchton Gaspard is a staff RN in the emergency department at Sabine Medical Center in Many. She has one child and lives in Converse, Louisiana.

'92 Virginia Kitchell Miller is the computer coordinator at Mansfield Elementary/Middle School. She, her husband and two children live in Robeline, Louisiana.

'93 Ronald L. Strahan is a manager at Ryan's Steakhouse. He is married to Robin McDonald Strahan (Class of '94) and they live in Greenville, Texas. His wife, Robin, is a teacher at Caddo Mills High School in Caddo Mills, Texas.

'93 Stephanie Reese Masson is married to William Masson (Class of '94) and they live in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She is a reporter/designer for the Natchitoches Times.

'93 Colleen E. Timmons lives in River Ridge, Louisiana. She is an enrollment services advisor for Delgado Community College in New Orleans.

'93 Pamela Harmon Augusta is married. She is an assistant director of marketing at Valley Hospital Medical Center in Las Vegas, Nevada.

'93 Roland J. LaComb is the head basketball coach and English teacher at Teurlings Catholic High School in Lafayette, Louisiana. He is married to Amanda Ridley LaComb (Class of '92) and she is a family practice resident physician at the University Medical Center in Lafayette.

'93 Donna Ferrucci Rajotte is an assistant professor of nursing at Community College of Rhode Island in Providence, Rhode Island. She has one child and lives in Pawtucket, Rhode Island.

'93 Cindy Dykes Kelley is married to Carl Kelley (Class of '93) and they live in Folsom, Louisiana. She is in advertising with Campo Appliances, Electronics, Computers, Inc. in Covington.

'93 Marie Hughes Mattox is married to David L. Mattox (Class of '93) and they have two children. She and her husband own Mattox Painting, Inc. in Leesville, Louisiana where they are living.

'93 Dana S. Young is living in Raleigh, North Carolina. She is studying textile design at North Carolina State University's Masters of Industrial Design Program.

'93 Kenneth L. Hemmer is manager of Aramark campus dining at SLU in Hammond, Louisiana. He is married to Michele Nixon Hemmer (Class of '94) and they live in Baton Rouge.

'93 Raymond B. Krull is the director of financial aid at Trinity College in Washington, DC. He and his wife live in Silver Spring, Maryland.

'93 Jennifer Moreau Lima was a member of the NSU marching band. She is teaching third grade at Coushatta Elementary School and lives in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'93 Lance C. Carruth is the Louisiana State Fire Marshal in Alexandria, Louisiana. He lives in Boyce, Louisiana.

'93 Scott K. Terral is employed as a freight operations supervisor at Conway Southern Express. He is married and has one child. They live in Little Rock, Arkansas.

'94 Elvira Spika recently received her MBA from Auburn University. She has accepted a position as an analyst for Anderson Consulting in Atlanta, Georgia.

'94 Kenneth D. Tuschhoff is a law student at the University of Florida in Gainesville, Florida. He and his wife have one child.

'94 Scott L. Strange is a sales representative/inspector at Orkin in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He is married to Traci Brown Strange (Class of '95) and she is a nursing assistant at Professional Home Health in Natchitoches.

'94 Laurie A. Coco was the president of Beta Gamma Psi and a member of the university concert choir. She is an accounting manager at Avoyelles Hospital in Marksville, Louisiana.

'94 Lauren M. Landry was a cheerleader and a member of Phi Mu. She lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana where she is a marketing representative at International Biochemicals.

'94 Camme A. Evans is an admissions counselor/recruiter at Northwestern. She lives in Robeline, Louisiana.

'94 Cassaundra Bell Turner is a teacher at Parks Elementary School in Natchitoches. She has one child and is living in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'94 Michele Nixon Hemmer is a legal assistant at the Law Offices of Paul H. Benoist. She is married to Kenneth L. Hemmer (Class of '93) and they live in Baton Rouge.

'95 Jennifer Goodwin Etheredge is married to Brian Etheredge (Class of '95). They both work at J.C. Penney in Dallas as systems analysts.

'95 Jamie R. St. Pe' is a first grade teacher at Raceland Lower Elementary School in Raceland, Louisiana.

'95 Anna Hardee Sistrunk is a registered nurse at Wise Clinic for Children in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She, her husband and child live in Pleasant Hill, Louisiana.

'95 Michael S. Buckley is an assistant office manager at Agency Rent-A-Car in Slidell. He and his wife live in Slidell, Louisiana.

'95 Vickie Scruggs McFadden is married and they live in Joaquin, Texas. She is a staff nurse at Pinelands Hospital in Nacogdoches, Texas.

'95 Derek A. Dodson is married to Carol Phillips Dodson (Class of '93) and they live in Kenner, Louisiana. He is an associate youth minister at Williams Blvd. Baptist Church in Kenner.

'95 Frances Gadd Adams is married and has three children. She is a staff RN at Sabine Medical Center in Many, Louisiana.

'95 Tammie Howell Walker is in the nursing profession. She is married, has two children and they live in Robeline, Louisiana.

'95 Ceseley A. Stewart is a social service director for Chateau Living Center in Kenner, Louisiana. She lives in Metairie, Louisiana.

'95 Angela DeHart Rabuck is employed at Western Staff Services in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She is married to Derek J. Rabuck (Class of '95).

'95 Thomas J. Pashee III is attending LSU pursuing a degree in biological English.

'95 Jeremy C. Broussard is an assistant producer at Vidox Image & Data in Lafayette, Louisiana. He lives in New Iberia, Louisiana.

'95 Michele MacDonald Norcross is a RN at Bossier Medical Center. She is married and they live in Bossier City, Louisiana.

'95 Jeffrey S. Banner is a student at Porter & Chester Institute in Chicopee, Massachusetts. He has two children and lives in South Hadley, Massachusetts.

'95 Matthew A. Koury is a petroleum landman at Louisiana Oil & Gas in Lafayette, Louisiana.

'95 Jerry W. McFadden is a RN at Willis Knighton Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. He is married to Lynn Jackson McFadden (Class of '92). They have two children and live in Keithville, Louisiana.

'95 Frances Woodman Welch is a counselor at Northwestern State University Student Support Services. She is married and has two children. They live in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'95 Sean A. Revels is a DSW-I at Evergreen Community Service Center in Natchitoches. He is married to Kanika Wardsworth Bayels (attending NSU) and they have one child. They are living in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'95 Melissa Frickey Lord is a clinic director for Parkinson ISD. She is married and they live in Darton, Texas.

'95 Dana Hunt Kreyenbuhl is a first grade teacher at North Polk Elementary. She and her husband live in Leesville, Louisiana.

'95 Cheryl Nash Vincent is a special education teacher at North Polk Elementary in Leesville, Louisiana. She has two children.

'95 Denise A. Pace is an inside sales representative for Compucom Systems in Dallas, Texas.

'95 Carla Allmon Ponikvar is married and lives in Wadsworth, Ohio. She is a music educator for Wadsworth City Schools.

'95 Tammy L. Tinsley was a member of Phi Beta Lambda. She is a secondary teacher at Northwood High School in Shreveport, Louisiana.

'95 Charlie A. Vascocu is the warranty superintendent of Ryland Homes in Dallas. He lives in Arlington, Texas.

'95 Tamara Webb Gatewood is married to Reggie Gatewood (Class of '94). She is a RN-NICU at Arkansas Children's Hospital. She and her husband live in Little Rock, Arkansas.

'95 Robert Carter III is a graduate student at Southern University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

'95 Melanie Fauchaux Johnson is married, has two children and lives in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She is a family nurse practitioner at Rapides Regional Medical Center - Rural Health Clinics.

'95 Kimberly J. Horton is a staff RN at Natchitoches Parish Hospital. She lives in Coushatta, Louisiana.

'95 Marvin L. Hall is a health & physical education teacher at Tioga High School. He and his wife and two children live in Pineville, Louisiana.

'95 Barbara Hromas Guidry is married and has two children. They live in Many, Louisiana. She is a teacher in Sabine Parish.

'95 Charles E. King has two children. He is a RN at Willis Knighton South in Shreveport. He lives in Bossier City, Louisiana.

'95 Theresa Anderson Atkins is married to Jamie Michael Atkins, a NSU nursing student. She is a registered nurse at the Shreveport Regional Dialysis Center.

'95 Martha Self Parchman is a RN at LSU Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana. She is married and they have three children.

'95 Amanda R. Lord is a teacher with the Bossier Parish School Board in Benton, Louisiana. She is living in Houghton.

'95 David W. Davault is the minister of music and youth at Koran Baptist Church. He and his wife live in Houghton, Louisiana.

'95 Glynda Anderson Lenard is a bookkeeper at Lenard's Tax Service in Winnfield, Louisiana. She and her husband live in Winnfield.

'95 Joseph P. McKee is married and they have one child. They live in Leesville, Louisiana. He is a sales associate at Coldwell Banker Fertitta-Morrow Real Estate.

'95 Heather Villavaso Pine is married to David Pine (Class of '95). She was a member of Phi Kappa Phi, Alpha Lambda Delta, and Kappa Delta Pi. She and her husband live in Irving, Texas.

'95 Gerald D. Brown Jr. is a staff nurse at the Medical Center of Louisiana-Charity Hospital in New Orleans, Louisiana and lives in New Orleans.

'95 Karen Benefield Germany is married and they live in Shreveport, Louisiana. She is a business teacher at Houghton High School.

'95 Lisa Cater Price lives in Shreveport, Louisiana. She has two children and is a RN at Southwest Shreveport Dialysis Center in Shreveport.

'95 Louis C. Normand is a credit manager for Norwest Financial in Alexandria, Louisiana. He lives in Pineville, Louisiana.

'95 Babette Guinchard Stephen is a teacher at Opelousas High School. She and her husband have one child and they are living in Opelousas, Louisiana.

'95 Raymond Pereira lives in Bossier City with his wife and their two children. He is a registered nurse at Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana.

'95 Lisa K. Mitchell is an admissions counselor/recruiter at NSU in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She lives in Coushatta.

'95 Darrell C. Howard is a linemen for the City of Natchitoches. He is living in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'95 Gabie K. Chumney is a correction officer at Winnfield Correctional Center in Winnfield, Louisiana.

'95 Lance P. Scott is a credit manager at Norwest Financial in Shreveport, Louisiana.

'95 Todd M. Lintzen is head of the English department, head football coach and Louisiana teacher assessor at Sabine Parish School Board in Many, Louisiana. He and his wife and two children are living in Many.

'95 Clinton S. Williams is an assistant manager of K-Mart Corporation in Baton Rouge. He lives in Zachary, Louisiana.

'95 Jeri L. Dusenbery is a teacher at Terrebonne Parish School Board in Gray, Louisiana. She lives in Houma, Louisiana.

'95 Stacey Shaw Cloud lives in Mansfield, Louisiana with her husband and their two children. She is a RN at Sabine Medical Center in Many.

'95 Angela Springer Custer is a RN-Pediatrics at Summit Institute in Bossier City. She is married, has one child and lives in Bossier City, Louisiana.

'95 Natesha M. Brown is employed as a clerk-typist at U.S. Forest Service in Pineville, Louisiana. She has one child and they live in Alexandria.

'95 Debi A. Cost is a recruiter at the NSU Admissions Office in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She was a member of the Pom Pon Line and PRSSA.

'95 Annette Carpenter Chastain is a 2nd Lt. with the U.S. Army stationed in Henderson, Nevada. She is married.

'95 Fransia' Turner Foster is a program assistant 1 at the Alabama Cooperative Extension System in Browns, Alabama. She and her husband have two children.

'95 Lisa J. Martin is an admissions recruiter at NSU. She lives in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'95 Blair H. Dickens is an exploring executive for the Boy Scouts of America in Little Rock, Arkansas.

'95 Leslie A. Winners is a graduate student at LSU in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. He is married and has one child.

'95 Charles P. Roppolo is the owner of the Capital City Motors and Towing Inc. in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

'95 Mary Heath Sutton is married to Bryan Sutton (Class of '95). They are living in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She is employed at First Bank in Natchitoches.

'95 Sherri Underwood Fisher is married to Richard K. Fisher (Class of '80) and they have two children. They are living in Leesville, Louisiana.

'95 Nicole M. Solari is the property accountant for Dimension Development in Natchitoches, Louisiana. She was a member of Beta Gamma Psi and Phi Kappa Phi.

'95 Patricia K. Carlock is an emergency room staff nurse at Huey P. Long Medical Center in Pineville, Louisiana. She and her husband live in Hioneston, Louisiana.

'95 Kimberly Hendricks Shaver is a registered nurse at Schumpert Medical Center in Shreveport. She and her husband live in Mansfield, Louisiana.

'95 Steven D. Miller is a teacher and coach at Olive Branch High School in Olive Branch, Mississippi.

'95 Richard L. Sharp is married to Cyndi Foster Sharp (Class of '93). They have two children and are living in DeVillie, Louisiana. He is a human resource manager at Laarnig in Alexandria.

'95 Garrick A. Rose is a special programs tutor with Norman Housing Authority in Norman, Oklahoma.

'95 Caren Kay Hubbs is a claims assistant at Farm Bureau Insurance in Baton Rouge. She and her husband have one child. They are living in Prairieville, Louisiana.

'95 Marlon J. Zetty is a flight instructor at NAC-AIR in Nacogdoches, Texas. He lives in Lufkin, Texas. He is engaged.

'95 Michael W. Peter is a manager trainee at Con-Agra in Natchitoches, Louisiana. He is married to Sheila Price Peter (Class of '94) and they have two children.

'95 Theresa Hines Desadier is a manager trainee at Lady Foot Locker in Alexandria, Louisiana. She is married and has one child.

'95 Norah C. Armstrong is an assistant manager-trainee at K-Mart in Carrollton, Texas.

'95 Shannon Wall Hale is married to Ken Hale (Class of '94) and they have one child. She is a counselor at Louisiana School for Math, Science and the Arts. They are living in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

'95 Marilyn J. Fox is a staff RN-NICU at Willis Knighton-Center for Women's Health in Shreveport, Louisiana. She is living in Bossier City.

DECEASED

'25 Olive Myatt Cochran, Monroe, Louisiana, October 27, 1995.

'35 Pearle Thompson Slatten, Boyce, Louisiana, September 30, 1995.

'38 Ruth Nesom, Tickfaw, Louisiana, fall of 1995.

'42 Amos "Red" Lee, Port Arthur, Texas, March 14, 1996.

'43 Ruth Wood, Winnfield, Louisiana, February 2, 1996.

'57 Sue A. Morgan, Coushatta, Louisiana, September 20, 1994.

'61 Donald W. Payne, Webster, Texas, January 3, 1996.

'61 Frances Effie Zerger, Lake Charles, Louisiana, February 9, 1996.

'66 Dixie James Willis, Boyce, Louisiana, April 11, 1996.

Madison Louis Funderburk, Houma, Louisiana, November 4, 1995.

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Roberts earned a master's degree from Oklahoma State University and attended the Graduate School of Business at the University of Chicago. He has been a lecturer at the Graduate Schools of Business at the University of Chicago, Northwestern University, Washington University and Stanford University.



Gary Reasons Elected to College Football Hall of Fame

Former NSU linebacker Gary Reasons, the first three-time All-American in Division 1-AA history, has been elected to the College Football Hall of Fame.

Reasons was among a 14-member class of former players and coaches who were inducted on Aug. 17 at the Hall of Fame on the Notre Dame Campus. It was the inaugural class of inductees who competed at levels below Division 1-A.

Among those joining Reasons as inductees were quarterback Terry Bradshaw from Louisiana Tech, defensive end Buck Buchanan of Grambling State, running back Walter Payton from Jackson State and quarterback Neil Lomax of Portland State.

"It's an incredible honor," said Reasons. "I'm very humbled, especially considering the caliber of the other inductees. Words are difficult to come by to describe how thrilled I am."

Now living in Spring, Texas, Reasons is in private business and serves as a college football sideline reporter and analyst for ABC Sports.



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Phone Number: _____

Name of Business: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Oct. 18-19 is Homecoming Weekend!

Northwestern State University will welcome its alumni back to campus during the annual Homecoming celebration Oct. 18-19. The graduating class of 1946 will be special guests at all Homecoming events.

Homecoming activities begin Friday, Oct. 18 with the annual Alumni Golf Tournament at the Robert Wilson, Sr. Recreational Complex. The tournament begins at 1 p.m. Entry is \$25. At 3 p.m., the Alumni and Foundation Board will meet in the President's Room of the Friedman Student Union. Friday's activities will conclude with a jambalaya dinner beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Recreation Complex. Entertainment will be provided. Admission is \$5.

On Saturday, events begin at 10 a.m. with the 'N' Club Hall of Fame induction in the Purple and White Room of the Athletic Fieldhouse. Also at 10 a.m., the 50-year reunion of the Class of 1945 and the All Alumni Reception will get underway in the lobby of the Student Union.

The annual Alumni Luncheon and Annual General Meeting of the Alumni Association will be held at noon in the Union Ballroom. During the luncheon, inductees into the Long Purple Line and recipients of the Alumni Association's Outstanding Teacher Award will be honored. Tickets are \$10.

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We're looking forward to having many of our alumni back on campus for the weekend. There is a feeling of excitement on the campus. We know that our alumni will be so proud of their alma mater once they return to campus and visit with our students, faculty and old friends.

—Elise James
Director of Alumni
Development

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The annual homecoming game takes place at 2 p.m. in Turpin Stadium with the Demons taking on Sam Houston. The “Spirit of Northwestern” Marching Band will be featured in pregame ceremonies and at halftime. NSU's 1996 Homecoming Court will also be presented.

After the game, the Band Alumni will meet for a business meeting and social at Just Friends on Front Street in downtown Natchitoches.

For more information on Homecoming activities, contact the NSU Alumni Association at (318) 357-4414.

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